

Egremont Board of Health

Held Via Zoom

Thursday, October 28, 2021, 10:00 am

Members Present: Charles Ogden, Chair, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He noted the meeting was being recorded to Zoom and introduced all those present representing the EBOH. Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Vote taken 2-0-1 (member Rose was not present at that meeting). Motion passed.
- 2) **Berkshire Overdose Addiction Protection Collaborative (BOAPC)** Chairman Ogden signed support letter.
- 3) **COVID 19**
 - Current cases:** cases are down statewide, but up in Berkshire County.
 - Egremont positives:** two Egremont positive cases were included in Great Barrington's town infection rate two weeks ago
 - Mask Directive:** Board took no action
 - Booster shots:** Booster shots for Pfizer and Moderna (1/2 dose) are readily available in the county. Appointments at local pharmacies are available through <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>. Fairview Hospital is holding a booster clinic this Saturday at the GB testing center.
 - Pediatric COVID vaccine:** area health agencies are currently working on the roll-out of pediatric clinics. Member Rose spoke to the rigorous studies that have been done regarding the safety of the vaccine for those in the 5 – 11 age group.
 - SBRSD** Director Haas updated the board on the events from the monthly SBRSD/member town BOHs meeting. While the School Committee is still discussing the possibility that district town Boards of Health mandate vaccinations for all students, the EBOH submitted a letter on October 15th stating we don't recommend such a policy, rather encourage the state include COVID vaccinations in their list of mandated school vaccinations.
- 4) **Recent field work**
 - 24A Prospect Lake Road/Title 5/Juliette/dbox was replaced/pass
 - John Andrews Restaurant/final inspection/Juliette
- 5) **Portnoff/136 Egremont Plain Road** Ms. Portnoff contacted the EBOH and stated the construction work has been completed and the family has moved back into the home. The storage pod and tent haven't been removed.
- 6) **Motes/71 Blunt Road** The board reviewed and approved the septic plans presented by Accord Engineering for the new construction.

- 7) **Kinna/Stalker/Phillips Road** The board reviewed and approved the septic plans presented by Kelly, Granger & Parsons for the new construction.
- 8) **Prospect Lake Grant Support Letter** Director Haas informed the board she submitted a support letter on the board's behalf to be included in a grant application to study improved access to Prospect Lake to those with mobility issues.
- 9) The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. The November EBOH meeting schedule will be Thursday November 11th.

Juliette Haas

Approved

11/18/2021